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Queen appoints former nurse as new Lord Lieutenant of Somerset

HER Majesty the Queen has appointed Anne Maw as the new Lord-Lieutenant for Somerset, who took over from Lady Gass on her retirement this week.

Mrs Maw (pictured), 67, was a state registered nurse who trained at Westminster Hospital and since 1999 she has been a guide in Wells Cathedral.

In 2002 she had a riding accident resulting in paraplegia but despite life in a wheelchair, in 2008 she became High Sheriff of Somerset after which she chaired the Somerset Crimebeat Trust for one year.

Mrs Maw is a trustee of charities supporting young athletes in Somerset, supporting those with disabilities and specifically supporting those with spinal injuries in the West Country. She also is a director and council member of the Royal Bath and West Society, vice-president of the Friends of Wells Cathedral and, particularly close to her heart, she is chancellor of the Children's University of Somerset.

Mrs Maw and her husband Richard, known as "Dickie", live near Shepton Mallet having formerly lived in the Chew Valley for many years. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Somerset County Council chairman David Fothergill this week paid tribute to the retiring Lady Gass, a former Somerset county councillor and High Sheriff who served as Lord-Lieutenant since 1998.

Councillor Fothergill said: "Lady Gass has been a wonderful ambassador for Somerset and has done so much to promote our county over the past 17 years.

"On behalf of everyone at Somerset County Council I would like to extend our thanks to her and wish her all the very best in her retirement."

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset is an honorary officer appointed by the Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister. The office dates from the reign of Henry VIII, and the Lord-Lieutenant was originally responsible for the maintenance of order and for local defence.

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We would also say thank you to the following for their invaluable assistance: Clive and Sandra Stoodley, John and Valerie Sweet, Katrina and Steve Carpenter, Tony Prior/Crowshute Centre and "Arthur" for calling back.

Our next fundraiser is a summer sale of bric-a-brac, household goods, furniture, clothes, books, toys, etc. This is to be held on Saturday, May 16th at the Secret Garden Cafe, Holyrood Street, Chard from 9am to 1pm. We are seeking donations and will collect - telephone Kaye or Simon on Chard 62842. Many thanks.

Kaye Bond,
ZEM CC, Chard

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Football club to share ground with Holyrood Academy

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CHARD Town Football Club has been given a reprieve for one year but will have to ground-share for at least one season until a new pitch is ready.

The club has joined forces with neighbouring Holyrood Academy to provide a new home ground on the academy campus, to include what is known as a 3G all-weather pitch.

This season, the club was barred from entering the FA Cup, FA Youth Cup and FA Vase because its Zembard Lane ground failed to comply with certain criteria. The club earned a reprieve for next season thanks to a petition from supporters, but is looking to ground share from the start of the 2016-17 season as plans to provide a new ground hopefully materialise.

Chard Town FC chairman Richard Allen has issued the following statement to fully explain the situation: "For a number of years Chard Town FC has been aware of its serious position regarding the pitch grading criteria required by the FA to retain its present Level 6 status as the constraints of its existing site prevent this standard being achievable.

"The club has sought to relocate to a level site for some 30 years to comply, without success. As a result the FA set a deadline of March 31st 2015 for the club to rectify its grading issue or be faced with demotion from senior football, a level the club has attained for 65 years. This season the club has been barred from entering the FA Cup, FA Youth Cup and FA Vase due to the grading issue.

"In view of this critical situation, the board of Western League, with the support of its entire member clubs, presented a petition to the FA supporting Chard Town FC in its quest to remain on the existing Zembard Lane site for a further period to enable its relocation to proceed. As a result of this intervention this deadline has been extended to March 31st 2016 by the FA League Committee, albeit with conditions.

"This decision is most encouraging but the year's extension does not give sufficient time to provide a new playing surface and supporting infrastructure. From the 2016/17 season the club will have to seek a ground-share arrangement with other clubs to cover the interim period.

"To this end, two clubs have responded to initial enquiries and formal arrangements will need to be put in place to meet the FA conditions. In early December the principal of Holyrood Academy approached the club regarding the academy's desire to become involved in the development of community sport facilities, including football, and to this end a proposal has been put forward that a new site could be made available within the Holyrood campus, subject to necessary approvals.

Benefit whole community

"This offer prompted initial discussions with FA representatives, Western League and South Somerset District Council officers, the Somerset FA development officer together with club and academy representatives in an effort to bring this proposal to fruition.

"To benefit the whole community, the aspiration would be to provide a 3G all-weather pitch on the Holyrood campus site which would provide a new ground for Chard Town FC, new clubhouse/meeting room and car parking. These facilities could be used by the academy during school hours and by the wider community in the evenings and at weekends in conjunction with the football club.

"Greg Dyke, the chairman of the FA, recently stated that it was his quest to see more 3G all-weather pitches in the country for grassroots football and to encourage more people into the game, including women's football.

"There will no doubt be many hurdles to overcome with such a major project - one of which is funding. All possible avenues need to be explored and grants would have to be forthcoming from the FA and other agencies to make this possible together with Chard Town FC providing funding from its own resources. "Under the local plan (Chard Regeneration Scheme), the present Zembard Lane site has been zoned for residential development and the club has a 40 per cent share of the proceeds from the sale of the land when sold for development. South Somerset District Council's planning department has already been approached and their guidance has been invaluable.

"The FA and district council have to be convinced that this project is viable and to date five local adult clubs, two ladies' clubs and a local youth football club have pledged support in addition to use by the three teams presently attached to Chard Town FC plus the anticipated use by Holyrood Academy. The Perry Street & District Football League and the Western League have both endorsed the scheme.

"Holyrood Academy and Chard Town FC will be looking to the whole community, local town and district councillors to give their full backing to this project. The club is very aware that it is only due to the academy's generous offer that after 30 years this is the first real opportunity to secure the long-term future of senior football in Chard whilst having the dual benefit of being an enormous asset to the wider community and nothing less than the second largest town in South Somerset deserves."

District council reduces council tax precept after five years of freezing it

SOUTH Somerset district councillors have agreed to reduce its share of the council tax by 1.99 per cent after five years of freezing it at the same level.

The district council charged £150.74 annually per Band D property for its portion of the council tax for the past five years, but this will now drop to £147.75, cheaper than it was six years ago in 2009/10.

The district has undertaken a re-assessment of forward risks, current reserves and forward commitments and concluded that £170,900 of confirmed New Homes Bonus money should be used to reduce the impact of council tax.

The government's own assessment of spending power, i.e. the amount of income from council tax, New Homes Bonus, and other government grants per household, shows South Somerset having one of the lowest levels in England. Despite this, the district council has managed to find savings of almost £5.4million over the last four years with a further £1.1million planned for 2015/16. This has meant that services have been maintained in the face of cuts of £6.5million in government grant over the last few years.

At South Somerset District Council's Full Council meeting, the budget for 2015/16 was also set, which includes:

- No increases to car park charges which were last increased in 2012;
- Additional resources for local Economic Development;
- Funding for CCTV cameras for the Princes Street underpass;
- £522k for new capital projects.

Councillor Tim Carroll, deputy leader and portfolio holder for finance and spatial planning, commented: "Although our main government grant has reduced by some 59 per cent over the past four years, we have compensated for this by driving out savings, generating additional income and, most significantly, optimising the income from New Homes Bonus (NHB).

"South Somerset District Council, as with other district councils, gets a sum equivalent to 80 per cent of the annual council tax on newly completed properties for six years on each property. Although the recession has impacted severely on the house building industry, we have still managed to retain a higher than average housing completion record in the South Somerset area.

"We have frozen our council tax at the same level for the past five years. With the recent announcement from government on what we were likely to receive in the fifth year's NHB settlement, we took the view at a late stage that part of this award could be used to mitigate the impact of council tax on our residents – this was a use that was explicitly outlined in the original introduction of NHB.

"Since the beginning of the recession, South Somerset's approach was not only to continue to deliver statutory services like waste collection and planning, but also to maintain those discretionary activities like leisure centres, the local theatre, welfare advice, grants to community groups and the voluntary sector and support to our high streets. Our residents place a high value on these discretionary areas and we were determined to maintain these wherever possible.

"Although we are continuing to deliver our services at the same level, the district council workforce has reduced by 100 staff to 502 over the past four years. The majority of the reduction is due to our leisure centres' staff transferring into a trust.

"We are confident that we can meet the future financial challenges even with the uncertainties of whatever national government emerges in May. Obviously, in the longer term, the picture may well change with the continuing austerity drive but we are satisfied that, as a debt-free authority, we have a sound financial situation for the next two years".

Strong financial position

Councillor Ric Pallister, leader of the council, commented: "Despite the ongoing financial pressures on local government and the future uncertainties, this budget demonstrates our confidence that South Somerset's strong financial position, sound management and innovative approach to making savings whilst preserving services to the public, is paying off.

"It is right and proper that residents benefit when we are able, providing those front line services can be maintained and that our sound financial position is not compromised now or in the foreseeable future".

Local MP David Laws has also welcomed news that the Liberal Democrat-led council has decided to reduce its portion of the council tax.

He said: "This is fantastic news for people in South Somerset and shows that the district council is not only delivering strong services but sound finances.

"The Liberal Democrat councillors running the district council have done a brilliant job over the last five years, ensuring that residents can rely on the services they provide while at the same time freezing council tax for households in our area.

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Animal sanctuary officially opens £1million project

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FERNE Animal Sanctuary's £1 million New Digs for Dogs building has been formally opened.

BBC Somerset presenter Matt Faulkner cut the ribbon last Thursday to the joy of sanctuary staff, volunteers and supporters who have spent months fundraising for the project.

Based in Wambrook, near Chard, and founded in 1939 by the late animal activist Nina Douglas-Hamilton, Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon, Ferne Animal Sanctuary originally looked after the pets of servicemen and women who were going away to fight for their country.

The sanctuary's old, dilapidated kennel facility, which was nearly 50 years old and could not withstand another winter, was demolished during March 2014.

The hard work then began to raise the funds needed for the new build. While an incredible £500,000 has come from the charity's reserves saved specifically for this purpose, the remaining £500,000 was raised through donations and special events in less than a year.

The new centre enables the sanctuary to double its current capacity and it can now look after up to 50 dogs. Apart from the kennel block, it also includes an improved grooming and veterinary care room, social unit, offices, reception and a shop.

Elaine Hayes, CEO at Ferne Animal Sanctuary, said: "I am absolutely delighted that we are formally opening our new re-homing centre. This is another landmark in Ferne's history as we enter our 75th year.

"This centre will allow us to help more dogs find happy, forever homes across Somerset, Devon and Dorset."

During the opening day, Matthew Crabb, a world-renowned chainsaw artist, carved Ferne's logo into a tree stump as a lasting memory to commemorate the occasion.

The Mayor of Chard, Councillor Jenny Kenton, who attended the opening, said: "Andy and I frequently visit Ferne with our grandchildren, and were absolutely thrilled to be part of the celebrations. To raise half a million pounds in under a year is such a fantastic achievement and just goes to show how much people love animals.

"During the fundraising period, every penny really did count and that hard earned cash is now providing all of us, and the animals, with this incredible state-of-the-art centre. For the animals that are homed here, it is their lifeline.

"We wish Ferne every success for the future and would encourage everyone to come and see the new facility soon."

Ferne Animal Sanctuary is a registered charity open to the public all year round except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. It relies solely on donations. For more information visit www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org or call 01460 65214.

■ DIGS FOR DOGS: Chris Brown with residents Milo and Charlie

■ CUTTING THE RIBBON: Ferne CEO Elaine Hayes and Matt Faulkner of BBC Somerset. Below, chainsaw artist Matthew Crabb makes a special gift for Ferne Animal Sanctuary

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Grants for local organisations available from town council

CHARD Town Council has agreed once again to offer grants to local organisations under the Community Development Fund.

The fund has been successfully operating since 2010 and has distributed approximately £50,000 to local causes during that time.

It seeks to help voluntary and community groups and charitable organisations in the town to set up new projects or enhance their current activities or facilities. The scheme is a fair way to assist with funding in Chard and helps target groups that will provide maximum benefit for people within town.

The council is seeking to support many different kinds of projects, such as staging one-off events, funding a pilot or one-off projects, or the purchase of new equipment. The scheme looks to support smaller-scale groups with capital projects, but in certain circumstances will now also consider revenue items too.

The maximum amount available for each application is £1,000 with no minimum limit. Applicants will be expected to match fund part of the project costs with their own resources and supply financial statements and estimates where appropriate in accordance with the terms of the application.

The scheme is now open and the closing date for applications is Friday, September 25th. Awards will be made during October when groups will be invited to receive their cheques. Application forms are available to download from the council's website - www.chard.gov.uk - or by calling 01460 239567.

Camera club hold President's Portfolio contest

CHARD Camera Club's annual President's Portfolio competition was contested by 12 members and won by Charlotte Nadin.

Held in the Baptist Church Hall, the competition saw members submitting a panel of three prints to hang together on a theme of their choice.

A club spokesperson said: "In all 12 members submitted their images on a variety of subjects showing some varied usage of plain photography and computer-assisted manipulation of images.

"The judge for the evening was the renowned photographer, lecturer and judge Mike Birbeck, who gave some very informative and constructive advise on all images displayed in the portfolios.

"Very talented newcomer to the club, Charlotte Nadin, shone once more to take the title with her images entitled 'Impressions of Burnham', images that she had very tastefully manipulated to the point of giving an impression of a mixture of pencil work and water colouring, very original.

"Second place went to Peter O'Shea with a set images titled 'Dust and Dirt' showing three different motocross motorcyclists as they drove around in the dry, dirty and dusty circuit.

"Third place went to Norah O'Shea whose images depicted a day at Cotley Point to Point, an interesting set of images depicting life in and around the field of the meeting.

"Highly commended went to Peter O'Shea Jnr, who submitted images entitled 'Trio of Helicopters' - a very colourful set of prints showing three different helicopters in stages of flight from static to full flight.

"The evening was reasonably well attended taking into account the bad weather on the night. Members were able to view the subjects submitted and discuss the views with all involved, so a very pleasant night with like-minded people was had."

Anyone interested in joining the club can contact Peter Partridge on 01460 66885 or visit www.chardcameraclub.org.uk for further information, or turn up at a meeting, held on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street, at 7.30pm.

Bike ride raises £275 for street pastors

■ **A MIXED crew of volunteers assembled at Sainsbury's in Chard for a static bike ride to raise funds for Chard Street Pastors. In all, 12 people took part and covered 155.57km (97.23 miles) in six hours, an average of 16.2 mph, raising a total of £275, just under £17 per mile. Grateful thanks go to Chard Leisure Centre, who lent the bike, and Andy Ridley who helped on the day.**

Helmstedt Society enjoy skittles night

NINETEEN members from the Chard Helmstedt Society recently turned out on a cold evening to attend a skittles evening at the Happy Return.

The evening included a buffet and the winners were Jim Morrison and Ann Courtney.

The twinning group's next event will be a quiz evening at Chaffcombe Village Hall on Saturday, March 21st at 7pm for 7.30pm.

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Greenfylde gets creative for World Book Day

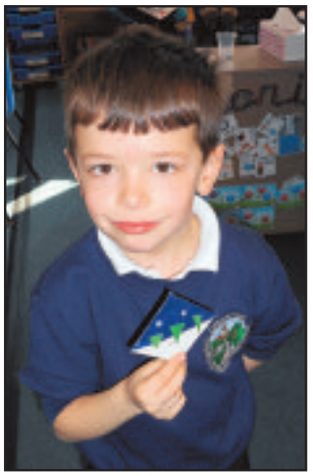
CHILDREN at Greenfylde First School in Ilminster held some early celebrations for this year's World Book Day.

In advance of their art week, their World Book Day celebrations had an art theme and children were joined by parents, grandparents and younger siblings to get creative with stories.

Masks were made from the story "Room on the Broom" by reception, year 1 painted book characters on egg shells and Year 2 made monster-theme bookmarks. Year 3 took their inspiration from their current topic of Native Americans and created their own story dream catchers, while Year 4 created their own front covers and book marks from their favourite books.

Headteacher Claire Oaten said: "As a school we feel it is important to celebrate this day as books allow our children to enter not only a world of knowledge but also places that let their imaginations run free.

"There are so many different types of books out there and half the fun for our children is in finding the ones that give them the most enjoyment and once they find these they often become favourites for life."



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Local candidates represent women in politics at Conservative meeting

CONSERVATIVE district council candidates - Linda Vijeh (Neroche ward), Sue Osborne (Windwhistle) and Sarah Codling (Weston-Super-Mare) - met up with fellow party members at the South West Conservative's Women's Organisation annual general meeting, held at The Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster.

In addition to an update on the current financial position of the organisation, and the election of officers for the coming year, guest speakers included Rebecca Pow, the parliamentary candidate for Taunton Deane, who gave an account of her entry into politics and the important position that women can play in correcting the gender balance, along with the additional skills that women can bring to the table as a result of their experience in business.

Councillor Osborne said: "I was thrilled to have been elected in the last district elections, and in putting myself forward again this time I hope that those I have represented will consider that I have done a good job in representing their views."

Councillor Vijeh added: "If re-elected this time around, and I take nothing for granted, I look forward to being able to continue the work I have carried out over the last 12 years, in fighting for the things that the local community feel is important to them, especially in relation to planning matters, where on many occasions people feel that due consideration is not given to their opinions when decisions are made."

Sarah, a first time candidate for the district elections, finished by saying: "I am delighted to have been asked to represent Weston-Super-Mare, and feel that my skills and experience will ensure that voters can have confidence in my ability to represent them fairly."

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Exhibition to mark Westland's centenary

THIS year marks the centenary of the Westland Aircraft Works in Yeovil and the anniversary will be commemorated by a display at Yeovil's Town House along with the production of a souvenir booklet.

South Somerset District Council's Community Heritage Access Centre (CHAC) staff are asking whether anyone has any photographs or objects concerning Westland and/or the First World War that they can place in the exhibition. Items can be loaned for the exhibition or donated to CHAC to become part of the historical collection held here.

The Westland Aircraft Works were built to help with the war effort and the and the need for naval aircraft. The first aircraft to be built at the works was a Short 184 seaplane and left on 1st January 1916 by horse and cart.

The fourth ever aircraft built at Westland took part in the Battle of Jutland. It was piloted by Frederick Rutland from Weymouth, known as "Rutland of Jutland", and successfully reported by radio the movements of the German Fleet.

District councillor Sylvia Seal, portfolio holder for leisure and culture, said: "Westland Aircraft Works has been a major part of the history and making of Yeovil. We are delighted to help what is now AgustaWestland to celebrate their 100th anniversary.

"If you can help by loaning or donating items for the exhibition then we urge you to contact our staff at the Community Heritage Access Centre".

If you would like to get in contact with the Community Heritage Access Centre regarding objects for the exhibition, call 01935 462886 or email heritage.services@southsomerset.gov.uk. The display will be held at the Town House, Union Street in Yeovil.

Local book signing

ILMINSTER-based author Elizabeth Beattie will sign copies of her new book, "I Only Came For The Coffee", on Wednesday, March 11th.

The book is about an 11th century witch about to be burnt on the stakes, but there is a twist.

The signing will take place in The Book Rest, Ilminster, from 2pm to 4.30pm.

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Mother's Day - Sunday 15th March 2015

WHILE some may see Mother's Day as a modern phenomenon, the history of this celebration extends as far back as the sixteenth century. It initially started as a specifically religious custom where people would return to their mother church – the main church or cathedral that oversaw their parish – for a service to be held on Laetare Sunday. Inevitably the return to the mother church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away were given leave to return home.

The return of children to the family home continued on this day throughout the Victorian period, as those who worked as domestic servants or apprentices were given the day off to show appreciation to their mother. While the children made the journey back to their family home they would pick wild flowers that grew along the country lanes as a small gift to present to their mother, which started the tradition to give mothers presents on this day.

Ye Olde Poppe Inn

FATHER and daughter Owen and Danni, the landlord and landlady, took over the Poppe Inn in April last year. Danni has 13 years experience within the industry and thrives on hard work and making a friendly welcoming atmosphere. The Inn itself is a quaint public house dating back to the 15th century.

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'The food at the Poppe Inn is locally sourced and freshly prepared daily, and the traditional pub menu offers a wide selection of dishes, with a specials board that changes daily offering a wide choice with the chef's own personal touch.

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Mother's Day Treats

Salted caramel chocolate torte

Indulge your Mother with this impressive chocolate torte.

Ingredients

- 175g digestive biscuits
- 85g butter, melted
- 397g can caramel (we used Carnation caramel)
- 1 tsp sea salt, plus extra to serve
- 300g plain chocolate (70% solids), broken into chunks
- 600ml tub double cream
- 25g icing sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- salted caramel chocolates, to decorate
- single cream, to serve (optional)

Method

1. Line the base of a deep, round 20cm loose-bottomed cake tin with a circle of baking parchment. Line the sides with one long strip that comes just above the sides of the tin – staple or paper clip where the strip overlaps to hold it in place.

2. Crush the biscuits in a plastic bag or bowl with the end of a rolling pin. Stir into the melted butter, then evenly press into the bottom of the tin. Chill for 10 mins.

3. Reserve 2 tbsp of the caramel. Stir the sea salt into the remainder and spoon into the centre of the biscuit base. Gently spread so the base is evenly covered but a visible 1-2cm border of biscuit remains around the edge. Chill for 20 mins while you make the chocolate layer.

4. Gently melt the chocolate in a large heatproof bowl over a pan of barely simmering water. Stir 1 tbsp of the cream into the reserved caramel, then cover and chill until ready to decorate. Once the chocolate has melted, turn off the heat but leave the bowl where it is, and gradually stir in the remaining cream until you have a smooth, shiny, thick chocolate sauce. Sift in the icing sugar and stir in with the vanilla extract. Lift off the heat and let the mixture cool for 10 mins.

5. Ladle or pour the chocolate mixture around the edge of the torte first, so it fills the biscuit border, sealing the caramel in the centre. Then ladle or pour in the rest and gently shake to smooth the surface. Chill for at least 5 hrs or up to 24 hours until firm.

6. Remove the torte from the tin, then carefully peel off the strip of paper and transfer to a serving plate. Dot the chocolates on top. Spoon the reserved caramel-cream mixture into a small food or freezer bag. Snip off the tiniest tip of the corner to make a very small opening, then squiggle lines of caramel over the top. Chill until ready to serve. Scatter with a pinch or two of sea salt before serving, then thinly slice. Eat with a drizzle of single cream, if you like.

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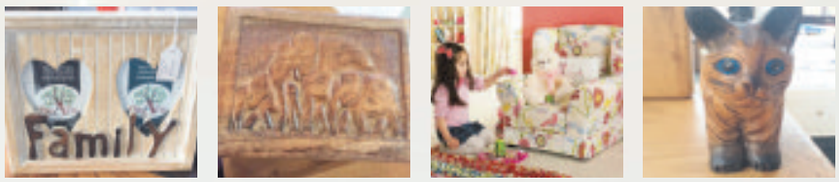

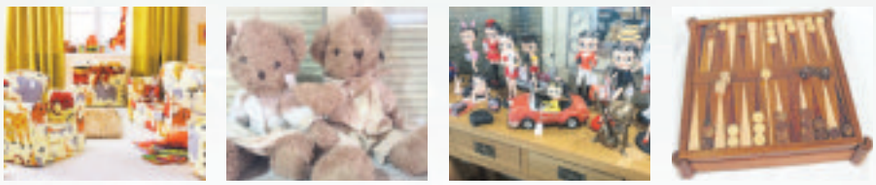

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Gearing up for classic car show

■ **THE date for this year's 'Classics at the Mill' car show and family fun day at Haselbury Mill, near Crewkerne, has been set for Sunday, April 19th. Last year's event raised almost £2,000 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. The photo above shows a cheque being presented by event committee members to the tune of £1978.25. This year's event will run from 10am to 4pm with all proceeds going to the Motor Neurone Disease Association. More information is available online at www.classicsatthemill.co.uk**

Information event for prospective councillors

DO you care about Crewkerne? Are you looking for a worthwhile way to help your local community? Would you like to assist in making decisions about the town?

Local elections are coming up on May 7th and Crewkerne Town Council is holding an information evening for prospective candidates to find out more about the role of a town council and how to stand for election.

The event will be held on Monday, March 16th at 7pm in the council chamber at the town hall.

Councillor Mike Best will give a short, informal presentation about what councillors do, including practical information on the main role of a councillor and the collective power of the council to make decisions about the community. This will be followed by the chance to ask questions of councillors and the town clerk, Jeanne Warner.

For further information contact the council office on 01460 74001 or email towncouncil@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk

Got a story? Call Anders on 01297 631120 or 01297 446152

Community survey will help shape future of Crewkerne

COMMUNITY surveys are currently being delivered to every home in Crewkerne to help shape the future of the town.

A Better Crewkerne & District (ABCD) are appealing to residents to complete the form and send it back in the pre-paid envelope so they can capture the views of residents and help make Crewkerne "an even better place to live".

Ten years ago, ABCD carried out a similar survey and the results were written up into the Crewkerne Community Plan. That document identified the services and facilities in Crewkerne that people felt were lacking or needed improving. It also highlighted areas of the town that residents felt could be enhanced.

The Crewkerne Community Plan was subsequently used as evidence to persuade many organisations to provide support and/or give funding for numerous projects, including the youth and sports pavilion (George Reynolds Centre), the upgraded pedestrian link behind M & Co, an extended conservation area, visitors boards located in the car parks and the organisation of numerous volunteer fairs.

ABCD now want to update the Crewkerne Community Plan and find out what residents currently think about the town and how often they use the facilities and services available to them. The survey covers areas that impact on everyday life in Crewkerne such as transport, work, the town centre, leisure activities, communication and the local environment.

Chairman Diane Butler said: "We really value everyone's input into this new community plan. The more people that complete this form, the stronger evidence we have to persuade councils, funders and other organisations to support the improvements that residents want to see."

Anyone that does not receive a survey can pick up a copy from the town hall or call 01460 75928. All completed questionnaires will be entered into a free prize draw to win a £50 Waitrose voucher. The draw will take place on Tuesday, March 24th.

■ ABCD is a local, community regeneration charity that is responsible for the Crewkerne Community Plan. The Community Plan is developed through extensive consultation with residents to establish what they think is important about their town and what they feel could be improved. The information gained from the consultation is used to write the Community Plan and also identify a list of projects that will help meet the needs identified through the consultation.

Once ABCD have produced a new Community Plan they will start to work on developing the various projects.

Town council looking to honour special citizens

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Working for an electrical contracting business in Somerton for a year before they unfortunately went out of business, after this Craig moved to a local contractor who he worked for until starting Minster Electrical Contractors back in March. Craig has six years experience in the electrical contracting business undertaking many tasks in the electrical trade, mainly a domestic electrician over the years having experience from the simplest of tasks to the most demanding ones.

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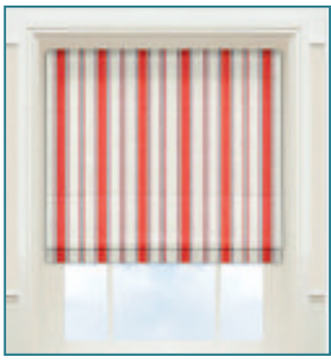

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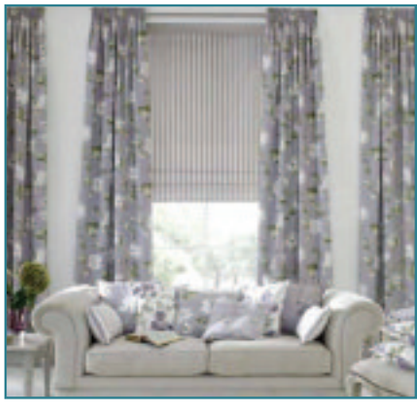

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While studying at Leeds Jazz College, Pete Oxley got to hear Steely Dan's 'Aja', Pat Metheny's 'American Garage' and Joni Mitchell's 'Hejira' - a turning point in his musical appreciation. After graduating, Pete moved to Paris and began touring Europe & the UK with his group The New Noakes Quartet. On relocating to the UK in 1997 (after 10 years in Paris), Pete reformed the band as the 'New Noakes Internationals' and in 2001, recorded Blue In Black And White, an album that was generally hailed as the groups finest work to date.

Swiss-born Nicolas Meier draws on a multitude of influences: Jazz, Flamenco, Latin and middle-eastern music are all passionately explored in a series of heartfelt acoustic modern jazz originals and all represent part of Meier's musical and personal world.

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IN FEBRUARY we were very pleased to present three brilliant, but very different, music gigs – and each one was supported by a large and enthusiastic audience!

Firstly, on Saturday 7th, we were totally charmed by the performance of Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman. Winners of The Best Duo Award at the 2013 BBC Folk Awards, they proved that they are unquestionably one of the best twosomes on the Folk circuit. Their intimacy and strength of passion, combined with an eclectic repertoire, proved to be a rare treat. A truly terrific evening!

The following Saturday we welcomed back Martin Simpson who, after 45 years of performing as a professional, showed once again that he gets better with every passing year. This was a spellbinding, intense and totally moving performance. Without doubt, Martin is one of the world's finest acoustic guitarists.

February came to a breathtaking end when, on the 28th, we were delighted to be entertained by The Churchfitters. This trio from Brittany showed once again that their mix of Funk- Rock rhythms, performed on a mixture of instruments, many home made, ensures that they are absolutely unique. In fact, in my opinion, they are one of the most entertaining groups anywhere! Regular visitors to the UK, The Churchfitters have built a large fan base of loyal supporters. They will be back!

March has started somewhat sadly as The Buffalo Gals Stampede, scheduled for Saturday 7th March, had to be cancelled due to low ticket sales. This is disappointing, and also surprising, as this would have been a really special 'Chance to Dance' event. However, for the dance fans among you, on Thursday 19th March we present Spiltmilk Say Dance. This is a family-friendly event with something for everyone. Act One sees three dancers put their spin on familiar dance favourites while in Act Two, everyone is invited to join in a social dance like no other. NB that for families of four, there is a special price ticket.

As far as musical performances are concerned, March has a bonanza of tremendous artistes!

These events get off to a great start on Friday 13th March when - following their brilliant performance in 2013 - we will welcome back Kimber's Men. A group of a cappella singers specialising in Maritime material, they sing shanties and much more with absolute gusto and beautiful harmonies.

On Friday 20th March we welcome the BBC Best Duo Folk Award Winners of 2014 - Phillip Henry and Hannah Martin. They have a sound that effortlessly spans many genres and their followers are expanding rapidly. Tickets are selling fast so

The Poozies

if you want to catch this brilliant duo, please book early!

Not surprisingly, another gig with fast-selling ticket sales is on Sunday 29th March when – after far too long an absence! - the wonderful Poozies return to The David Hall. This all-girl band has performed worldwide for over 20 years and still features Sally Barker, who was a finalist in the 2014 series of TV's, The Voice. This is a band of true quality and if you don't want to miss the opportunity to see them, book soon!

I hope you are able to enjoy some of the events The David Hall has to offer in March and look forward to updating you again very soon!

All the best,
Pete Wheeler,
Petherton Arts Trust

Also at The David Hall in March:

Petherton Picture Show will screen The Two Faces of January, a thriller starring Viggo Mortensen, Kirsten Dunst and Oscar Isaac, on Friday 6th March, and The 100ft Journey - produced by Steven Spielberg and starring Dame Helen Mirren - on Friday 27th March. Both films start at 8pm.

For poetry lovers, on Saturday 14th March The David Hall will hold an evening of Petherton Poetry Please! Start time is 7.30pm

On Saturday 7th March there will be a Book & Bric-A-Brac sale, with doors opening at 9.30am; and The David Hall's popular monthly Coffee Morning will be on 25th March from 10am to 12pm. Entry for both events is free.

The next Performance Night is scheduled for Saturday 28th March at 7.30pm. To perform, please drop an email to info@thedavidhall.org.uk

For further details about any of the above please check the website, www.thedavidhall.org.uk, or call 01460 240 340.

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Diary Dates

FRIDAY MARCH 6TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. £2pp includes teas and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520

BARRINGTON: St Mary's Preschool Supper and Quiz Evening at Barrington Village Hall. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £5 per person, including a delicious two course meal and participation in the quiz. Licensed bar and raffle. For more details or to book call 07938 016319, or tickets available on the night. All proceeds towards upgrading the computer equipment for the children.

FRIDAY MARCH 6TH - MONDAY MARCH 9TH

CHARD: Members of the Chard Royal Naval Association will be attending the 40th Anniversary Reunion of the Area 4 Royal Naval Association at Bideford. Contact with Chard branch can be made via the Secretary Mr Gary Pennells on 01460 77978, chairman Paula Moon 01460 929041 or by visiting the royal-naval-association.com.uk website.

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH

SEAVINGTON ST MARY: Rockin 60s Band playing at the Millennium Hall. Tickets only, £7 each from Carol on 01935 881510. No bar, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Free tea/coffee. In aid of Children's Hospice South West. Doors 7pm for 8pm start.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON: Spring Jumble Sale in the Village Hall (TA146SF) at 11am. Admission 30p. All usual stalls Clothes, New and nearly new, bric-a-brac books,toys, Teas and much more. Everyone welcome. Come and pick up some bargains. More information, contact Jennie Harris. 01935 881718.

MERRIOTT: Popular group "Livewired" are playing live from 9pm at Merriott Social Club. Free event, open to non members.

CHARD: Popular Fayre at Chard Guildhall, 9am-12.30pm.

MONDAY MARCH 9TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

TUESDAY MARCH 10TH

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH

TATWORTH: Free talk on 'Life in the Theatre' at the Brewer Room at Tatworth Memorial Hall, 2pm. Organised by T&F Active Living. For more details call 01460 220339.

CREWKERNE: Easter Bingo at Henhayes Centre – lots of Easter prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm

THURSDAY MARCH 12TH

CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey Street. Every Thursday, 8-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

CHARD: The Royal Naval Association will be holding their monthly meeting at 7.30pm in the Chard Conservative Club. Any person wishing to contact the association can do so via the Secretary Mr Gary Pennells on 01460 77978, or chairman Paula Moon 01460 929041 or by visiting the royal-naval-association.com.uk website.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY MARCH 13TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. £2pp includes teas and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520

CLAPTON: Lunch club, at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. Mid-day for 12.30pm start. All welcome, but please book in advance – by phoning 01460 77057.

SATURDAY MARCH 14TH

HINTON ST GEORGE: Flix in the Stix presents: 'The Imitation Game' (cert 12A) in the village hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or £5.50 on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

YARCOMBE: Yarcombe Market 10am-12noon. Cakes, meat, crafts and much more.

MONDAY MARCH 16TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness March Meeting. Guest Speaker Ruth Freya on 'Mediumship'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. 7pm-9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments) Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019.

CHARD: Chard, Ilminster & District U3A invites anyone who has retired from full employment to come along to Chard Guildhall at 2pm for a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits for the AGM, followed by a film 'History of Local Watermills' by Alan Keene.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH

YEOVIL: Yeovil Chamber Choir concert of Choral music for Passiontide, at St Andrew's Church, Preston Grove (BA20 2BQ). At 7.30pm. Tickets £10 to include interval wine and refreshments. For more details call 01935 873719.

THURSDAY MARCH 19TH

CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey Street. Every Thursday, 8-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

CHARD: Chard Camera club will be holding the yearly 'Horseshoe Competition' at Kilmington Village Hall at 7.30pm. Chard will be the hosts for this occasion. Details of the event can be obtained by contacting the competition secretary Mr Peter Partridge on 01460 66885 or via their official website www.chardcameraclub.org.uk

CLAPTON: Take Art event: a return visit from award-winning wildlife photographer Ben Osborne (Jurassic Journey), who will present 'Himalayan Journeys'. At Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. Entrance: £10, adults; £5, school age; £25, family (2+2), including ploughman's supper. Licensed bar; raffle. All welcome; advance booking please on 01460 74849 / 72769 / 77062.

SEAVINGTON ST MARY: South Somerset Local RSPB Group. Illustrated talk 'Saving our Wildlife - Giving Nature a Home' by Peter Exley, RSPB Public Affairs Manager. At the Millennium Hall, 7.30pm. Entry, includes tea and biscuits: £2.50 for group members, £3.50 for non-group members, under 18s free Everyone welcome. For more details call 01460 240740.

FRIDAY MARCH 20TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. £2pp includes teas and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520

CHARDSTOCK: Quiz Night at St Andrews School at 7pm. Teams of up to 6 at £4 per person. Price includes ploughmans supper, please bring your own drinks. All welcome, book by calling 01460 220534.

SATURDAY MARCH 21ST

CREWKERNE: Spring Food and Craft Fair at Wadham School, TA18 8NT. 9.30-1.30. Unique handcrafted items and delicious food with demonstrations and tastings. Refreshments available and musical entertainment. To book a stall, call 0146075553.

NORTON SUB HAMDON: Jumble Sale in aid of West Chinnock Playschool, at Norton Sub Hamdon Village Hall. 10am-12noon. Books, Clothes, Toys, Bric-a-Brac and refreshments. 20p entrance fee.

The Skazki Trio perform at Ilminster Arts Centre

THREE superb postgraduate chamber music specialists from the Royal College of Music form the captivating Skazki Trio, due to perform the second concert series for Concerts in the West at Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, March 20th 2015.

Formed in 2011 at the Royal College of Music, the Trio has an outstanding reputation, which is not surprising considering the calibre of its members. The group's founder, pianist Maria Razumovskaya, has been described as "exceptionally talented and charismatic", while her two co-performers violinist Kamila Bydlowska and cellist Alisa Liubarskaya are award-winning artists in their own right.

The ensemble takes its name from the Slavic word for fairytale or narrative and creating emotional, captivating narratives is exactly what the Skazki Trio aims to achieve within each of the repertoires it performs.

The Skazki Trio play at Ilminster Arts Centre at The Meeting House on Friday, March 20th at 8pm. Tickets: £15 (Pre-concert supper at 7pm - advanced booking required £11) from the Box Office on 01460 55783 (9.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday) or www.themeetinghouse.org.uk. Bar and café, IAC and town parking, plus car parks, disabled access.

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FORD Motor Company at the 2015 Geneva Motor Show extended its line-up of vehicles to reveal new sporty, dynamic and high specification vehicles for Europe.

The all-new Ford Edge Sport makes its European motor show debut and Ford is showing the all-new S-MAX Titanium Sport, and European reveal of all-new Mondeo Titanium X, which has been available in the UK since launch. Also revealed are the EcoSport S, and new two-tone Focus Red and Black Editions, alongside the high-specification Kuga Titanium X Sport.

These models line up alongside the all-new Focus RS, which yesterday made its worldwide motor show debut, and the all-new Ford GT supercar, which Ford premiered in Europe. The Focus RS and the Ford GT are developed by the new Ford Performance team, which is committed to delivering 12 new performance vehicles through 2020.

"Ford at Geneva is presenting a mouth-watering line-up of vehicles that underlines our commitment to innovation through performance," said Jim Farley, Ford Motor Company executive vice president and president Europe, Middle East and Africa. "It is through developing our performance cars that technologies become available through the wider range of Ford cars.

"We are also investing heavily in areas that will drive the Ford brand forwards in Europe, including SUVs, and Vignale, as well as sport models," Farley added. "Ford will have the broadest possible line-up to provide solutions for every customer from mass to niche."

Further vehicles on display in Geneva include the new Focus ST that is available for the first time with a choice of petrol and diesel engines, the acclaimed Fiesta ST, and the new Ford Mustang – now on sale across Europe for the first time in more than 50 years of production.

All-new Edge Sport

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ROBUST yet elegant, powerful but extremely efficient, dynamic to drive while remaining a haven of calm and comfort to travel in and packed with the latest safety, infotainment and connectivity systems… the all-new Renault Kadjar – which makes its public debut at the Geneva Motor Show – is set to take the world of mid-sized crossovers by storm in the same way that the Captur has become a dominant force in the sector below.

All-New Kadjar delivers the best of what SUVs, estate cars and saloons have to offer in one stylish, compact package only 4.45 metres long, 1.84 metres wide and 1.6 metres high. It is powered by small-capacity Renault dCi diesel and TCe petrol engines which perfectly meet today's demand for downsized power units which lack nothing in performance while delivering exceptional efficiency. Fuel economy and CO2 figures will be as high as 74.3mpg and as low as 99g/km, equalling the best-in-class. There will be two- and four-wheel drive versions and manual and automatic transmissions to meet the needs of any buyer.

Up-to-the-minute active safety features will help the driver avoid low-speed accidents, stay in lane on highways, park, see in the dark and remain within speed limits, while the R-Link 2 multimedia system ensures the car is always fully connected to the outside world. The full UK model range, specifications and pricing will be announced closer to the UK on-sale date in the Autumn.

All-New Kadjar has been designed to be at home in any environment. Its compact size and command-post visibility make it ideal in busy urban areas; its estate car-like driving position and quiet, comfortable interior ensure the driver remains relaxed and focused on long journeys; and it has everything those owners who want a life of escapism and adventure might need.

The exterior exudes the dynamism and strength of a car built to go off the beaten track, but with more fluid, elegant lines than more boxy SUVs. It features muscular front wings, pronounced rear shoulders, slightly sculpted sides and doors which finish flush with the sills. Sculpted 17- and 19-inch alloy wheels are further evidence of its robust character.

A chrome strip runs across the headlights to emphasise the car's width. The new lighting signature first seen on the latest Espace has been carried across to Kadjar and there are C-shaped LED daytime running lights. A structured grille, front and rear skid plates, lower door protective mouldings, black wheel arch extensions and anodised aluminium roof bars emphasise Kadjar's off-road capabilities, but the car's elegance is also to the fore in the chromed window surround, sill guard and daytime running light surrounds, and the body-colour door handles and mirror housings.

This is maintained inside the car. The horizontal dashboard stretching into the doors is a pointer to the car's width and spaciousness. It contains two trim strips, while the instrument panel and air vents are outlined in chrome. Grab handles on each front door and the centre console and a bold gearlever attest to Kadjar's sportiness and all-roads character.

This combination of sportiness and comfort is also evident in the seats, which have patterned cushions, vertical forms on the backrests and graphic patches on the side of the headrests. The seats are backed with dual-density foam for maximum comfort and support.

Courtesy handles in the boot release the 'Easy Break' 60:40 split rear seats, and the front passenger seat tips forward to form a small table or make space for longer items to be carried.

Two boot configurations are possible, giving either a flat floor or a capacity of 472 litres (seats upright), and the boot can be divided into three areas to prevent items from moving during transit. There is also 30 litres of storage space within the cabin, which provides passenger space on a par with anything in the class.

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rugby round up

BY GLYN HUGHES

Ill-discipline proves costly in narrow loss

CHARD 18 WESTON-SUPER-MARE 25
National League Three (sw)

WESTON just about deserved to win this clash between the bottom two clubs and in doing so gave themselves still a slim chance of avoiding being in the bottom three at the end of the season.

Chard started the game strongly and deservedly took the lead with a penalty from Roberts but this was soon cancelled out with a similar effort from the Weston fly half Dickson.

Chard re took the lead with another penalty but gradually Weston got on top and Chard conceded a number of penalties which eventually saw them lose a player to the bin.

Chard defended well despite being a player down but then proceeded to gave away a nightmare try.

Having turned over possession close to their line, they set up a good position to clear the ball but saw the clearance kick charged down and the Weston number eight Gleeson was the beneficiary as he went over for an unconverted try.

Weston made the extra man count and they were now well on top and went further ahead when lock forward Eaton went over for their second try this time converted by Dickson.

As soon as Chard were back to their full complement they got back in the game and when the teams reached the break Weston had a 15-6 advantage.

The hosts committed rugby suicide in the opening seconds of the half as they missed a host of tackles that allowed Dickson to waltz over for his team's third try. He converted the try and the lead was now 16 points.

This ability to give away tries immediately after the interval in matches has been a real Achilles heel for Chard this season

To their credit they fought back well and were rewarded when number eight Rob Burrell drove over for a converted try following a lineout.

Chard were back in the game but again almost immediately from the kick off they fell foul of the referee and conceded yet another penalty which Dickson duly goaled to make the score 25-13.

The Chard forwards continued to work hard and with Gosden winning good lineout ball they scored their second try when again Burrell was driven over from a lineout.

The conversion was missed but Chard were now within a score of drawing the match but, in a frantic finish, Weston held on for what for them was a welcome victory.

For Chard it was once again a case of 'what might have been' and how they will regret again a host of basic errors which resulted in a number of penalties being conceded and ultimately cost them any chance of earning a victory.

Once again no one could quibble with the effort made by the players but another close contest was lost, although with the narrow deficit Chard had the consolation of a losing bonus point.

Tomorrow the team entertain Bracknell who not long ago were playing Championship rugby. Kick off is 2pm

Chard 2nd xv had a 30-15 defeat at North Petherton and tomorrow face a tough trip to play leaders Hornets while **Chard 3rds** are due to visit Midsomer Norton.

Nat League 3 SW	Pld	+/-	Pts
Redingsensians	21	458	89
Exmouth	21	297	80
Bracknell	21	160	70
Brixham	21	114	69
Hornets	19	105	61
Old Centralians	19	36	55
Newton Abbot	21	-2	53
Barnstaple	21	-26	50
Bournemouth	21	-112	41
Old Redcliffians	20	-121	40
Old Patesians	19	-159	38
Oxford Harlequins	20	-131	33
Weston-super-Mare	21	-183	25
CHARD	21	-436	8

Somerset One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Hornets II	20	616	94
Chew Valley II	21	606	93
Bridgwater & Alb II	20	277	71
Bristol Barbarians	20	256	71
Castle Cary	21	74	64
Old Sulians	21	107	58
CREWKERNE	21	124	57
Keynsham II	21	-123	41
CHARD II	20	-190	34
Wellington II	21	-182	31
Yatton II	21	-459	29
North Petherton II	21	-229	26
Cheddar Valley	21	-184	18
Midsomer Norton II	21	-717	7

Somerset Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Frome III	14	345	67
MARTOCK	14	320	57
Yatton III	14	187	55
Wells III	14	195	41
North Petherton III	14	403	36
CREWKERNE II	14	-92	19
Minehead Barbars III	14	-552	10
Castle Cary II	14	-372	-2
CHARD III	14	-241	-4
Midsomer Norton IV	14	-193	-8

skittles

CREWKERNE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	17	154
Super Sexy Six	17	134
Head Hunters	17	127
Coachmen	17	124
Stray Cats	17	106
Football Club	17	103
King Willy Dogs	17	101
Royal Oak Drimpton	17	95
Mighty Ducks	17	85
Rollers	17	78
Raptors	17	69
Perrott Monkeys	17	42

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Fryers	16	112
Loud n Proud	15	112
Brewers Bees	15	111
Chis Colts	16	97
Rug Rats	15	97
Acorns	15	93
Fudders	15	79
Skimmers	16	68
Concorde	15	74
Muppets	15	68
Merriott Fixers	15	63

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Hill Billies	17	154
Pinbusters	17	152
Sports 92	17	138
Oakley Doakleys	17	135
Sandbaggers	17	106
Beer Leg Boys	17	98
No Name Yet	17	94
Willy Low Flyers	17	94
Ugly Ducklings	17	76
Likely Lads	17	69
Rotary	17	60
Kings Men	17	45

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RESULTS; **Division One** - Crown Crusaders 416-12 (S.Paul 58) Flying Turkeys Allstars 387-0 (D.Dabinett 58), Ashill Inn 340-3 (E. Turner 54) Rocky's Rollers 355-9 (K.Wilmington, I.Findlay 51), Royal Oak faces 321-9 (A.Male 46) Crown Royals 315-3 (C.Elswood 51), Flyings Turkeys 371-4 (I.Masters 53) Ashill Boys 377-8 (W.Stanton 59).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys	13	112
Crown Crusaders	12	95
Rockey's Rollers	12	95
Flying Turkeys AS	12	82
Royal Oak Faces	13	74
Ashill Inn	12	69
Ashill Boys	13	61
Bell A	12	47
Crown Royals	13	41

Division Two - Bell Broadway 333-8 (T.Robinson 54) Wyndham Warriors 328-4 (F.Clydesdale 51), Wyndham Clangers 286-0 (Ali Haine, N.Cherry 40) Cricketers 380-12 (T.Crawley 58), Nomads 345-8 (L.Bond 51) King's Head 337-4 (I.Kendall 53), Hatch Eggs 311-0 (S.Childs, P.Earp 43) Hatch Beagles 385-12 (P.Watts 54).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Hatch Beagles	13	110
Nomads	13	109
Cricketers	12	103
Bell Broadway	13	93
Wyndham Warr	13	78
Ilton Choppers	12	54
King's Head	13	54
Wyndham Clang	13	50
Hatch Eggs	12	31

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Tivvy duo top

LAST Sunday's annual Barney's Pairs Open on the Isle and Dillington pond well attended with eight pairs taking part.

The weather was awful once again but both venues produced some good weights.

Top pair on the day were Tiverton's Bruce Hunt & Martin Heard who had four points. Bruce was second at Dillington with 13lb 10oz and Martin was second on the river with 13lb 14oz.

Robin Cox & Graham Field were second with six points and Jamie Rich & Justin Charles were third with seven points.

All the anglers enjoyed a lovely buffet back at the Royal Oak and the club would like to thank Steve and Cindy once again.

Overall Pairs; 1st - Bruce Hunt and Martin Heard - 4 points, 2nd - Rob Cox and Graham Field - 6 points, 3rd - Jamie Rich and Justin Charles - 7 points (on weight).

Pond; 1st - Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish/Burt Baits) - 14lb 8oz, 2nd - Bruce Hunt (Tiverton) - 13lb 10oz, 3rd - Ashley Tomkins (Tackleuk) - 10lb 13oz.

River; 1st - Rob Cox (Ilminster) - 16lb 14oz, 2nd - Martin Heard (Tiverton) - 13lb 14oz, 3rd - Leighton Cox (Ilminster) - 12lb 2oz.

◆ *On Sunday there is a rod only match at the pond the draw is at the Royal Oak 8.30 and 9am.*

glovers in focus

WITH STUART BROOM

Walsall woes - time to raise the white flag!

Yeovil Town 0 Walsall 1
SkyBet Division One – att; 3,668

ONE of the most abject performances witnessed at Huish Park saw the Glovers fail to close the gap at the bottom of League One when they capitulated to what looked like the worst side to have visited this season.

With all the other relegation candidates also losing, it was a great chance for Yeovil to get back within three points of safety. However, their display says much about the situation both on and off the field, and based on this performance we just as well surrender, admit defeat and save the fans the misery of having to sit through the putrid display served up on Tuesday evening.

The consensus of the fans I spoke to after the game suggested there should be a clear out across the board, starting with the management and right up to the directors. Yeovil Town has stagnated and needs new blood to move it forward.

Manager Terry Skiverton, not happy with a point at Scunthorpe made four changes to try and find the right combination, but having brought back Byron Webster to bolster the defence he then left out Stephen Arthurworry, one of the most consistent performers despite of the situation, because of the maximum loan player limit. He replaced him with striker Kieffer Moore - who has played at the back in an emergency - and he had a stinker.

He wasn't alone, the rest were as bad with the exception of on-loan keeper Scott Loach without whom the Glovers could have been six down before they had their first shot on target midway through the second half.

Skiverton and Darren Way have been given the job of trying to stop the rot, but they appear clueless, and it was disappointing that we didn't hear the manager's voice from the touchline until the 81st minute!

beatable opponents

Walsall looked vulnerable at the start, and although Yeovil didn't appear any better, it looked like it should have been an easy three points.

But it was soon evident that the Saddlers realised that Yeovil were there for the taking, and mediocre opponents suddenly looked like world-beaters.

Things might have possibly been different had referee Charlie Breakspear, remember the name and not for positive reasons, who is supposedly being "fast tracked", dismissed Tom Bradshaw for a foul on Stephen Kingley.

red card indicent?

I didn't see the incident clearly, but the on-loan Swansea player lay motionless for a couple of minutes before he was stretchered off with a facial injury.

The suggestion was it was a dangerous tackle involving Bradshaw's elbow - but Brakespear, who consulted his assistant who was very close to the incident, didn't even caution him. The assumption was it must have been an accident?

Regardless of this, Brakespear didn't score too highly with the rest of his decisions.

Yeovil had a chance to get back in the game 20 minutes from the end when they were awarded a penalty. Adam Morgan, stepped up but his kick was too close to the keeper.

I fear for Yeovil based on this performance and if Saturday's result against Oldham goes the same way, then it's more or less goodnight Vienna - I dread to think how many Bristol City might score next Tuesday!

League One	Pld	GD	Pts
Scunthorpe United	33	-4	42
Notts County	33	-6	41
Crewe Alexandra	34	-27	39
Coventry City	33	-11	36
Leyton Orient	33	-7	35
Colchester United	34	-17	34
Crawley Town	34	-23	34
YEOVIL TOWN	**34**	**-23**	**30**

Farewell to a football legend

THIS week one of the giants of British football died. ***Dave Mackay*** *of Spurs, Derby County, Hearts and Scotland was one of the most cultured wing havesf you could want, and despite his power, he had all the attributes of a modern day midfielder and more.*

I saw him play for Tottenham Hotspur in the 1962 Cup Final, the only time I went to the old Wembley, when they beat Burnley 3-1.

Spurs described him as "The Heartbeat" of their Double-winning side and said he played a "vital role" in their 1963 European Cup Winners' Cup successs despite missing the final through injury.

You only have to read all the tributes from fellow professionals and current football experts to realise how revered he was.

jack high bowls news

ILMINSTER *by Des Maull*

WITH the indoor leagues in its last weeks there are going to be some close finishes,

The Monday day rinks have Barry Sims seven points ahead of Paddy McDonagh who has a game in hand with John Fenwick in third place on 19 points.

The Monday St Austell Brewery Premier League looks to be a 2 horse race with Rowland Garland leading with 34 points and a game in hand over Peter Mattravers who is 2 points behind, Kevin Hamilton is in third place on 21 points.

Ladies Triples - Tuesday has Sylvia Read in first place on 31 points with Margaret Evans in second with 27 and Dot Whelan in third with 24 Points.

Men's Triples - Tuesday has been won with 5 games to play by Kevin Hamilton with a perfect score of played 20, won 20. The fight is for second between Roger Pincombe on 22 points and Barry Sims on 21.

Day Triples- Wednesday has Mike King in a strong position in the lead on 36 points with Roy Orme in second on 24, Royston Grout is in third place on 21.

Wednesday Evening -Rinks, Dave Crouch has a 2 point lead with 24 points over Sue Spurway who has a game in hand with John Mitchell in third two points further back on 20 points but with two games in hand.

Pairs- Thursday has two teams fighting for first place with Dave Crouch on 25 points and with a game in hand over second place Rex Corbet on 22 with Sarah Lightfoot and Jill Parker fighting it out for third with both on 18 points.

The Milford & Dormor Mixed Triples - Friday is another close contest with Bev Brister leading with 24 points, Will Anderson in second on 22 with two games in hand and John Parsons and Barry Sims fighting it out for third.

On Saturday Ilminster were away to NORTH PETHERTON in the Somerset and Devon mixed league with Ilminster winning one rink losing the other and losing overall by 16 shots (27 to 43)

Details: Des Maull, Heather Sims, David Pugh and Dot Whelan 18 E Milton 14; Norma Pugh, John Osborne, Rod Parkin and Barry Sims 9, P Howard 29.

CREWKERNE SMBC
With Gordon Bodily

ON Wednesday, February 18th Feb 12 members travelled to ODCOMBE to play a mixed friendly.

Scores; Gwen Saunders, Tricia Harris & Bill Green 10-9. Kathy Bonney, Pat Crisp & Tom Moll 5-17. Dave Charnick, Mikki Simmonds & John Lacey 10-12. Jackie Mitchell, Gwen Saunders & Bill Green 10-8. Kathy Bonney, Mikki Simmonds & Tom Moll 5-8. Dave Charnick, Pat Crisp & John Lacey 9-9.Final score Odcombe 63 Crewkerne 49.

CHARD *by Sandra Sumpter*

ON Friday 27th February Chard B played a home tie against MUSBURY in the **East Devon Short Mat League**. They were all on great form and took the match winning all eight games with a 78-45 shot difference.

Milford & Dormor League

CHAMPIONS-elect Harlequins suprisingly went down to a 15-10 defeat against Hurricanes.

Meanwhile, Royals played very well winning most of the ends as they defeated Greyhounds 17-5.

M & D League	Pd	+/-	Pts
Harlequins	15	137	25
Royals	14	44	19
Magpies	12	-11	11
Greyhounds	16	-74	10
Hurricanes	15	-54	7

LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUND UP

with Howard Larcombe

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Mini revival boosts Ilminster survival hopes

Leaders Combe surge 11 clear after 11th win! - Chard target semi-finals

Chard Town 2 Hengrove Athletic 1

Toolstation Division One - att; 78

GOALS from Sam Clark and Andy Martin earned 10-man Chard a decent win on a boggy Zembard Lane surface last Saturday.

Kicking down the slope, The Robins went close early on when George Chlopecki struck an upright.

Undeterred, they took the lead in the 13th minute when a long free-kick was spilled by Hengrove keeper Liam Farlane and Martin pounced on the rebound.

What proved to be the winner arrived ten minutes after half time when a Chard breakaway led to Ed Butcher crossing for the predatory Sam Clark to net from close range.

The 19-goal striker was then forced off after a brief 15-minute cameo performance with a hamstring injury.

Chard were further hampered when Nathan Warren was red-carded 15 minutes from time.

James Dunn pulled one back for the Grove with a header from a free-kick, but Chard saw out the remaining minutes to take their recent points haul to nine from their last four matches.

The team now turns it attention to the visit by Wells City tomorrow (3pm ko). Clark is rated as 50/50 by Manager Adam Fricker who is definitely without the injured trio of Louis Gillman, Jamie Underwood and Mike McCormack.

Fricker also has one eye on the Reserves' big county cup quarter-final "We are trying to keep them as strong as possible to give them every chance."

Squad: *Jason Hutchings, Ben Haines, Shaun Wells Burr, Leigh Bailey, Darren Hutchings, George Chlopecki, Andy Martin, Oscar Latas, Ed Butcher, Sam Clark, Scott Holland, Adam Fricker.*

SOMERSET LEAGUE

GOALS from Charlie Rutter and Taylor Jefferson gave ILMINSTER TOWN'S hopes of beating relegation a boost after coming from behind to beat Berrow 2-1 at the Rec on Saturday.

The visitors led through a 22nd minute Jack Taylor strike but the Blues battled back to lead 2-1 at the interval and saw out the win.

And Ilminster were just two minutes from making it three wins in row on Wednesday evening.

Another Rutter goal under the floodlights at Bridgwater Town Reserves appeared to be enough to clinch a 1-0 win, but the hosts, who enjoyed the majority of possession and territorial advantage, grabbed an 88th minute equaliser through Kenzi Farnham. Ilminster have no fixture tomorrow.

Meanwhile, COMBE ST NICHOLAS took another step towards the Division two (west) title with a 3-1 victory over Nailsea Town Reserves at Slades Cross.

◆ **GOALS** Stuart Richards scored the opener in Combe's 11th consecutive victory.

Injuries and unavailability forced manager Phil Loaring to ring the changes, but it was business as usual as the team chalked up their 11th win on the spin.

Stuart Richards opened the scoring in the 10th minute and Harry Boddington doubled the advantage midway through the opening half.

The win was secured by a Luke Finn penalty five minutes after the interval.

Three more good chances came and went before the visitors struck a late consolation.

Combe welcome another of the division's form teams tomorrow with the visit of third-placed Taunton United who have won eight of their last nine.

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

CHARD Town Reserves' scheduled game at Topsham was postponed.

This was hardly ideal preparation for the Robins' big Somerset Senior Cup Quarter-final at Fry Club tomorrow (2.30ko).

Unbeaten in 13, the Keynsham-based side could prove tough opponents.

Down in Division Five ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES also had their game washed-out. The Blues, who have dropped back down into the bottom two, welcome 11th placed Hatherleigh Town tomorrow (3pm ko).

◆ THE Devon & Exeter member clubs voted to restructure the league at a Special General Meeting last Friday evening.

The leading reserve teams will be moved into two new divisions, and only first teams will be permitted in the Premier and Division's one and two. Division's five to eight will not be affected.

The change is to prepare for an application for step seven status for the league's Premier Division.

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

Premier

Misterton 1 W & M Chinnock 1

THE Chinnocks' hopes of a top three finish were dented as they were held by plucky Misterton at Unity lane.

Damian Hart volleyed the visitors ahead in the midway through the first-half but they were made to pay for missing some good chances when Harvey Saunders fired home from all of 25 yards.

Missy had chances of their own to have won the game; Chaz Warren was denied by a superb save by Chinnocks' keeper-manager Matt Alford and teenager Lewis England struck the post in the last minute.

Perry Street 6 Combe Reserves 0

PERRY Street moved back up to second spot after goals form Brad Cleal (2), Darren Contreras, Dan Collins, Dan O'Connor and Jake Board clinched their first win of the 2015.

Division Four

Drimpton Reserves 5 Uplyme Res 0

THE only game played in Division Four saw Drimpton Reserves distance themselves from a possible wooden spoon with George Tuck (3), Josh Betts and Ben Dickinson finding the net in comfortable win over fast-fading Uplyme Reserves.

Knockout cups

ARTHUR GAGE QUARTER-FINALS

WINSHAM appear back on track in their bid for a return to the Premier Division.

They took the lead when player-manager Tom Stead nipped in front of his marker and found the corner of the net with sharp finish.

Stead scored his and the hosts second in the 20th minute and they could have had more before the break.

But Adam Cody-Boutcher pulled one back for Pymore just before the hour mark only for Tony Harwood to score restore the two-goal deficit in the 80th minute with a spectacular diving header that Stead described as one of the best goals he'd seen in the PSDL.

Wth the entire Pymore team pushed up for a corner kick Winsham broke away and MoM Sam Symes made it 4-1 in the last minute.

Chard United needed an 84th minute equaliser and extra-time before finally overcoming Forton Rangers 5-2.

The sides were locked together at 2-2 at the end of normal time before United powered home courtesy of goals from Norbert Hasiemowicz (2), Jamie Brown, Wilf Gosden and keeper Matt Sweet with a long downfield punt that deceived his experienced opposite number Adam Smith.opposite.

◆ **TRIPLE:** George Tuck scored his first ever hat-trick for Drimpton Reserves in 5-0 win over Uplyme.

Andy Stevenson and Lee Richardson (pen) scored for Forton who are now without a win since mid-November.

In the other quarter-final played goals from Shane Featherstone and Danny Larcombe in a four-minute spell just before half-time saw Millwey Rise win 2-0 at Lyme Regis Bantams.

Semi-final draw;

Chard Utd v Netherbury or Barrington

Millwey Rise v Winsham Utd.

JACK VENN CUP R1

THE cup-tie at the Rec went with form as Waytown Hounds breezed past Ilminster Town A.

James Loveridge gave The Hounds a great start when he cleverly flicked the ball over his head before slotting home.

Player-Manager Mark Hughes then put the ball through to Jon Legg who made no mistake.

Legg then crossed for Leigh Hansford who steered the ball into the roof of the net to make it 3-0.

Ilminster then got their first real chance of the game and some very tidy footwork Darren Paul ended with the ball in the net.

But Garry Goodall hit a long diagonal ball up the Ilminster slope and Legg was onto it in a flash, rounding the keeper and finding the bottom corner.

After the interval top-scorer Legg was bundled over in the area and secured his hat-trick from the resulting penalty.

Ilminster pulled another one back through Andy Crouch to make it 5-2.

Hounds' Club Chairman Matt Read in his first appearance since breaking his jaw back in October, completed the scoring after weaving his way through the area and passing the ball into the net.

The tie at Horseshoe Lane went to extra time with Thorncombe and visitors Combe A all-square at 3-3.

Remarkably, the Thorns played for 105 minutes with 10 men after midfielder Lee Fisher was shown a straight red-card for what referee Lance Turner adjudged to have been a two-footed challenge.

Warren Gabbidon tormented his former club once again with a hat-trick while Bryan Garrett (2) and Fisher scored the others for the winners with Dale Hutter, Kane Ellis and Wayne Long on target for the Saints.

Quarter-final draw;

Waytown Hounds v Crewkerne Town Res

Beaminster Reserves v Thorncombe

Charmouth v Drimpton

Crewkerne Rangers v Uplyme

BILL BAILEY CUP QUARTER-FINALS

GOALS from Gavin Herrod and Josh Short saw holders Hawkchurch United continue their grip on the Bill Bailey Cup with a 2-0 win over Chard Rangers.

Merriott Dynamos booked their place in the last four after thrashing Millwey Rise Reserves 7-0 with goals from Barry Hayne (2), Lewis Fisher (2), Steve Jennings, Kieran Baily and Wes Fursman.

Meanwhile, a solitary Tom Case goal clinched South Petherton Reserves a 1-0 win over Thorncombe Reserves although Pethy boss Barry Kench felt they should have had more, "We dominated the game," said Kench.

The remaining tie saw hosts Shepton Beauchamp come from behind to beat Barrington Reserves 2-1.

Darren Dabinett gave the visitors a half-time lead but sustained second-half pressure saw David Jarvis equalise and Jordan Brain tapped in the winner from close range after getting on the end of a Shane Crocker cross.

The win sets Shepton up nicely for next Thursday's **John Fowler Cup Final** against Hawkchutch United at Bridport (7pm ko) when they will be bidding to lift the trophy for the first time in the club's history

Semi-final draw;

Shepton Beau Res v Merriott Dynamos

South Petherton Res v Hawkchurch Utd

KEN HODGES CUP QF

CHARD United AllStars failed to raise a side for the visit of Merriott Rovers who were handed a walkover win.

But the three ties that were contested produced 26 goals.

The day's highest scorers were Crewkerne Rangers Reserves who mauled Farway United Reserves 10-4 at Wadham School.

Liam Adams and Scott Isaacs both bagged hat-tricks and the others shared between Rob Doble, Elliot Greed, Sam Healey and Nick Bachrach.

Farway actually took an early lead but trailed 5-2 at the interval and Rangers dominated after the turnaround.

Combe B also had a pretty easy time of it with Ross Fenyinka (2), Graham Cleal, Neil Reid, Matt Corrick and Richard Curwood on target in a 6-1 win over Chard Rangers Reserves at Slades Cross. Andy Griffin netted for the visitors.

But the tie of the weekend could well have been at Hinton where the hosts survived a late fightback from opponents Winsham United Reserves to win 3-2.

The hosts deservedly led through goals from Ross Jewell and Ricky Samways – direct from a corner – at half-time.

Ken Forbes made it 3-0 soon after the restart before Winsham roused themselves with strikes from Tony Rockett and Jordan Fowler but came up just short.

Semi-final draw;

Combe St Nicholas B v Merriott Rovers

Hinton v Crewkerne Rangers Reserves

RESULTS – February 28th

ARTHUR GAGE CUP QF

Chard Utd 5 Forton Rangers 2

Lyme Regis Bantams 0 Millwey Rise 2

Winsham Utd 4 Pymore 1

JACK VENN CUP R1

Ilminster Town A 2 Waytown Hounds 6

Thorncombe 6 Combe St Nicholas A 3

BILL BAILEY CUP – QF

Chard Rangers 0 Hawkchurch Utd 2

(at Hawkchurch)

Merriott Dynamos 7 Millwey Rise Reserves 0

Shepton Beauchamp Res 2 Barrington Res 1

South Petherton Res 1 Thorncombe Reserves 0

KEN HODGES CUP – QF

Chard Utd AllStars a-w Merriott Rovers

Combe B St Nicholas 6 Chard Rangers Res 1

Crewkerne Rangers Res 10 Farway Utd Res 4

Hinton St George 3 Winsham Utd Reserves 2

PREMIER

Misterton 1 West & Middle Chinnock 1

Perry Street 6 Combe Reserves 0

DIVISION FOUR

Drimpton Reserves 5 Uplyme Reserves 0

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

(Cup games 2pm, league 2.30 unless stated)

DORSET JUNIOR CUP SF (2.30pm)

Netherbury v Drimpton

Pymore v Wool & Winfrith

CHALLENGE CUP SF

Crewkerne Town v Combe Reserves

South Petherton v Shepton Beauchamp

REG EGLON CUP SF

Chard Utd Allstars v Drimpton Reserves

Merriott Rovers v Winsham Utd Reserves

PREMIER

West & Middle Chinnock v Perry Street

DIVISION ONE

Barrington v Lyme Regis Bantams

Luso-Chard v Millwey Rise

DIVISION TWO

Charmouth v Uplyme

Combe St Nicholas A v Beaminster Reserves

Crewkerne Rangers v Ilminster Town A

Crewkerne Town Reserves v Thorncombe

◆ **EVENTFUL:** Lee Fisher scored and was then sent-off in Thorncombe's extra-time cup win.

DIVISION THREE

Chard Utd Reserves v Barrington Reserves

Dowlish & Donyatt v Chard Rangers

Millwey Rise Reserves v Merriott Dynamos

DIVISION FOUR

Farway Utd Reserves v Combe St Nicholas B

Uplyme Reserves v Hinton St George

Thursday, March 12th

JOHN FOWLER CUP FINAL

Hawkchurch Utd v Shepton Beauchamp Res

(at Bridport, 7pm ko).

As they stand

Toolstation Div 1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Welton Rovers	31	36	74
Barnstaple Town	30	86	73
Cribbs	33	34	70
Ashton & Backwell	32	25	60
Wincanton Town	31	20	58
Corsham Town	32	13	53
Almondsbury UWE	30	7	51
Chippenham Park	33	11	49
Cheddar	31	5	45
CHARD TOWN	***33***	***-7***	***45***
Wellington	29	0	44
Radstock Town	33	2	43
Calne Town	34	-19	42
Hengrove Athletic	31	0	40
Oldland Abbotonians	31	-18	38
Keynsham Town	36	-41	35
Devizes Town	30	-3	33
Warminster Town	30	-9	32
Wells City	36	-19	32
Roman Glass St George	31	-30	27
Westbury United	35	-46	26
Portishead Town	32	-47	12

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Shirehampton	27	32	59
Fry Club	23	17	48
Cutters Friday	22	9	42
Bishops Lydeard	25	1	42
Frome Collegians	23	20	40
Watchet Town	23	11	39
Clutton	24	7	38
Bridgwater Town Res	26	8	37
Wrington Redhill	22	0	36
Nailsea Utd	24	11	35
Yatton Athletic	25	-21	34
Berrow	26	-2	30
Odd Down. Reserves	24	-3	28
Minehead	26	-20	26
ILMINSTER TOWN	***23***	***-28***	***23***
Broad Plain House	24	-8	19
Stockwood Green	25	-18	19
Nailsea Town	22	-16	15

Somerset Div 2W	Pld	+/-	Pts
COMBE St NICHOLAS	***18***	***38***	***48***
Worle	18	31	37
Taunton Utd 1610	19	16	37
Winscombe	16	45	36
Kewstoke Lions	17	32	36
Highbridge Town	20	32	32
Uphill Castle	17	10	31
Cheddar Reserves	19	0	28
Nailsea Utd Reserves	15	1	19
Clevedon Utd Reserves	16	-14	16
Nailsea Town Reserves	20	-22	15
Churchill Club 70	17	-24	13
Burnham Utd Reserves	17	-57	7
Weston St Johns Res	21	-88	7

D & E Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Tiverton Town Res	18	58	44
Heavitree Utd	19	31	41
Feniton	17	33	36
Sidbury Utd	18	22	34
Elmore	19	14	34
Hatherleigh Town	15	23	33
Thorverton	18	16	32
Newtown	23	-3	32
Topsham Town	17	27	27
Beer Albion	21	-16	23
CHARD TOWN RES	***16***	***5***	***21***
Exeter University Res	17	0	20
Bow AAC	19	-12	18
Seaton Town	21	-31	15
Willand Rovers Res	19	-26	9*
Budleigh Salterton Res	23	-141	1

D & E Division 5	Pld	+/-	Pts
Otterton	24	15	46
Fluxton	18	37	39
Uplowman Athletic	19	39	37
Sandford	18	19	37
Sampford Peverell	19	24	36
Honiton Town Res	17	32	35
Halwill Reserves	18	4	27
Feniton Reserves	20	-21	27
Starcross Generals	18	-17	16
Priory	14	-16	18
Hatherleigh Town Res	20	-39	15
Winkleigh	14	-3	14*
ILMINSTER RES	19	-35	13
Stoke Hill	20	-39	9

PSDL Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Crewkerne Town	12	54	36
Perry Street	16	27	32
South Petherton	14	42	31
Shepton Beauchamp	14	36	29
West & Midd Chinnock	15	19	27
Combe St Nicholas Res	15	20	19
Beaminster	14	26	18
Lyme Regis Reserves	15	-16	15
Misterton	15	-110	7
Ilminster Colts (R)	16	-98	0

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barrington	13	62	39
Millwey Rise	14	19	29
Netherbury	13	14	26
Winsham Utd	15	11	26
Lyme Regis Bantams	14	-8	20
Chard Utd	15	3	19
Forton Rangers	14	-3	18
Luso-Chard	14	-31	9
Pymore	13	-16	8
Farway Utd	11	-51	3

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
Drimpton	15	61	41
Thorncombe	15	34	34
Waytown Hounds	16	18	28
Crewkerne Town Res	12	8	25
Crewkerne Rangers	15	-14	20
Combe St Nicholas A	16	-10	17
Uplyme	13	8	16
Beaminster Reserves	15	-12	14
Charmouth	15	-21	13
Ilminster Town A (R)	14	-72	-2*

Division Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Chard Utd Reserves	16	22	35
Kingsbury Episcopi	16	27	31
Barrington Reserves	14	17	30
Hawkchurch Utd	13	22	25
Thorncombe Reserves	17	-13	20
Chard Rangers	13	-7	18
South Petherton Res	16	-10	18
Dowlish & Donyatt	14	-3	15*
Shepton Beau Res	15	-14	14
Merriott Dynamos	13	-10	11
Millwey Rise Reserves	15	-31	10*

Division Four	Pld	+/-	Pts
Merriott Rovers	13	81	39
Combe St Nicholas B	13	23	29
Winsham Utd Reserves	14	7	24
Crewkerne Rangers Res	15	6	21
Hinton St George	11	10	20
Uplyme Reserves	13	-17	15
Chard Rangers Res	14	-30	15
Drimpton Reserves	14	-6	13
Farway Utd Reserves	11	-11	12
Chard Utd All Stars	14	-63	4

** = points deducted*

horse racing taunton

March trio underway

TAUNTON racegoers have got three meetings to look forward to this month.

The first is on Monday (March 9th), when the Orchard Portman course host the always popular **Landlords Day** with the first of the seven card action going off at 2.20pm.

On this day the penultimate race will be named after the local hostelry that brings along the most racegoers.

With a more than generous £36,500 on the table in prize money another exciting afternoon of National Hunt racing looks to be in store.

First up is the Red Berry Recruitment Ltd Handicap Hurdle race over three miles and half a furlong.

This is the first time that Red Berry Recruitment, a member of the Taunton Business Club, have sponsored a race and the Management would like to thank them for their support.

Next off at 2.50pm is the Bathwick Tyres Taunton Fillies' Juvenile Hurdle Race over two miles one furlong which is followed half an hour later by the SIS Handicap Hurdle race over the same distance.

The feature race on the card is the Bathwick Tyres Handicap Steeple Chase, a Class 3 event, at 3.50pm, which is run over three miles and five furlongs and boasts total prize money of £10k.

The Evergreen Landscaping and Tree Surgery Handicap Hurdle race over two miles, three and a half furlongs follows at 4.20pm.

The second event over the jump's course is a Handicap Steeple Chase at 4.50pm that will be named after the winning local hostelry is announced.

The afternoon concludes with the Chepstow Racecourse Staff Away Day Mares' Standard Open National Hunt Flat race at 5.20pm.

◆ PUNTERS are reminded that if they want to take advantage of the substantially discounted prices on offer that they need to purchase their tickets in advance on-line before 10am on the day prior to racing by logging onto www.tauntonracecourse.co.uk

running chard road runners

Intrepid runners tame infamous Grizzly

SIX Chard Road Runners set off to Seaton for the 28th Running of the Grizzly and Cub races last Sunday.

CRR's had 12 runners off the 1415 entrants in the Grizzly " Dash to Delirium" a 20 mile principally off road race which now attracts runners from across the Country and abroad with its intense hills, mud, pebble beaches and the now infamous Bogs.

Heading out strong for CRR's was Richard Clifton and Crewkerne Road Runner Nick Sale both sporting Fresh make-up and dresses for the occasion!

Paul Masters who appeared to have breaking issues on the steep declines rearranging a hedge section in a effort to stop, Globe trotting Neil Plumridge may well have qualified for the longest travel to the race having set off on the 24 hour flight from New Zealand on Saturday arriving in the early hours of Sunday and then joining the race!

Results	Posn/1415	Time
R.Clifton	136	03:07:25
P.Masters	317	03:26:46
N.Plumridge	444	03:32:34
G.Wyatt	659	03:53:30
A.Drew	875	04:12:53
A.Mear	886	04:13:45
A.Douglass	887	04:13:46
P.Fraser	1054	04:27:04
J.Bindon	1131	04:35:19
H.Baxter	1246	04:53:14
S.Hall	1247	04:53:15
K.Ball	1401	05:50:41

Four CRR's took to the **Cub race** which also includes the hills, steep descents, pebble beach and mud but is compressed into 10 miles.

◆ **UP FOR THE CHALLENGE:** Back row, from left; Simon Hall, Philip Hodson, Julie Bindon, Andy Mear, Gary Wheaton, Anna Louise Smith, Gavin Wyatt, Addie Douglas, Emma Male, Paul Fraser. Front; Paul Masters, Anna Drew, Helen Baxter, Claire Pomeroy, Richard Clifton, Neil Plumridge.

Results	Posn/445	Time
G.Wheaton	200	01:55:08
A-L Smith	269	02:04:13
P.Hodson	299	02:06:52
C.Pomeroy	307	02:08:08

◆ BERNIE Genge ran the **New Forest Challenge** this race a self-navigation Marathon.

Bernie managed a very credible 3rd Place in a time of 4:45:25 on a muddy mix of trail and forest track.

darts chard & district

Premier Div	Pld	Pts
High 4 & a Half	14	199
Country Classics	15	182
Rejects Return	14	176
BDBs	14	153
Crusaders	15	129
Phoenix Clubbers	14	119
Hobnobs	13	117
Happy Sharks	15	110
Phoenix Poppes	15	98
Pig Jockeys	13	96

180s; Gary Hill (10), Paul Lawrence (7), Leighton Cox (5), Chris Adams, Darren Ayres, Nigel Druce, Luke Lawrence and Louis Wells-Burr (all 3), x8 players (2).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Down's	13	163
Pirates	13	160
Hopefuls	14	151
We Can Do This	14	149
Pop Darts	14	141
PAs	12	118
Cult of Person'ty	13	111
Stumpy's Gang	12	105
Winning Team	13	66

180s; Paul Newton (2), Mike Best, Graham Down, Paul Down, B.Gibson, Graham Pike, Roger Hodges, Steve Lawrence & Jon Hodges (all x1).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Okey Doaks	14	179
HRT	14	163
Two Minute Crew	15	157
Madhouse Crew	14	156
Clownin' Around	15	153
Rare Breeds	15	137
Duck Fs	15	131
Happy Days	15	129
Red Devils	15	117
Bs Knees	14	91

180s; Alan Sprake (2), x10 players (all 1).

horse racing wessex point-to-point news and preview

Chapoturgeon favourite in competitive field

The Blackmore & Sparkford Vale
at Charlton Horethorne

CHAPOTURGEON stands out among the 11 entries for the Blackmore & Sparkford Vale Mens Open at Charlton Horethorne on Sunday.

Winner of his only point-to-point at the 2012 South Dorset, the 11-year-old National Hunt Festival winner finished runner-up to Salsify in the 2012 Cheltenham Foxhunter, but put up arguably his best performance to finish second to Mossey Joe on his last racecourse appearance at Stratford 21 months ago.

Opposition includes Blazing Whale, Foynes Island and Steeltown – first, third and fifth in Buckfastleigh's prestigious Westcountry Champion Chase Mixed Open in February – Babeny Bridge, winner of five of his nine races between the flags, and Minella Fifty who was in contention when falling two out in Sagalyrique's Badbury Rings race a fortnight ago.

Jack Barber has also entered Subtle Sovereign and in Chapoturgeon's absence the prolific grey will get the vote.

Jane Williams holds the key to the Ladies Open with Grandturgeon and Swift Counsel, the winner of the 2012 and 2013 corresponding races.

The lightly raced Grandturgeon has won four of his six UK points contested over four seasons, but showed his well being with an easy Chaddesley Corbett success in February.

Swift Counsel, winner of five of his seven point-to-points, reappeared from a 21-month absence at Horseheath on Saturday and, despite running freely, looked the likely winner when ejecting Jane five out while bowling along in front.

Minella Fifty holds an entry alongside Ruapehu, who finished strongly behind Sagalyrique at Badbury Rings, and Seigneur Des Bois, runner-up in a quality Larkhill contest in January.

Ghizao has chances if getting his act together, but Jane Williams' selected runner is the automatic selection.

Subtle Sovereign is among the 10 entries for the Hunt race and can repeat his 2014 success if connections take up this option.

Opposition may include stable companion Ask The Weatherman, former Royal Artillery Gold Cup winner Mr Big, 2014 corresponding race runner-up Theatre Evening and the consistent Stalbridgeswansong, who unseated on reappearance at Badbury Rings.

Former Grand Prix de Paris runner-up Prospect Wells made the perfect pointing debut at Barbury Racecourse and can follow up for the Rose Loxton stable.

Prospect Wells and Subtle Sovereign hold entries for the Conditions contest and will fight out the finish if facing the starter.

In their absence Ghizao, former top hurdler Cockney Trucker and Cothelstone winner Roseyroo look the three to choose from.

Larkhill winner Wak A Turtle and Trebudannon hero Presenting The Way can fight out the Restricted. Boa Island, Siege Of Troy and Thereyarsee are three suggestions for the Maiden contest.

Big Buck's, a popular and prolific winner with Paul Nicholls, will be paraded during the afternoon and commentator Nick Child will give a rundown of local horses entered at the forthcoming Cheltenham Festival.

The Dufosee Perpetual Challenge Trophy, in memory of John, Jane and Jason, will be presented after the last race to the most successful rider on the day.

It's the first Wessex pony races of this season - qualifiers for the Area Open and Novice Finals in May, bring the afternoon's racing to a close.

Access to the course is off the B3145 midway between Sherborne and Wincanton (DT9 4LJ). First race: 12.30 pm.

Admission is £25 per car with up to four occupants, £10 per additional adult, £15 for car and driver only.

Quantock Staghounds
Cothelstone - March 1st

THE Mythologist returned to his best with an impressive Quantock Staghounds Mixed Open success on Sunday.

The seven-year-old led after a circuit and cruised home under Robbie Henderson, who never let an inch of rein throughout the three-mile contest.

The Mythologist has now won four of his five UK point-to-points, suffering his only reverse when pulled up at Larkhill in January.

"He bled a little and he never settled or jumped that day, but a first-time hood has helped," said former trainer Guy Henderson, joint-owner with his wife, Sophie. "(Trainer) Jack (Barber) feels he will have the speed to cope with quicker ground but, as always, we'll take it one race at a time."

Will Biddick followed Saturday's East Devon treble with a double to take his tally to 21, 12 clear of Darren Edwards in the standings.

Will led off aboard Little Cornham, winner of the Hunt race for the fourth consecutive season. "He's done it with four different riders as well and I'm pleased with the feat," said Andy Pollard, who shares Little Cornham with Helen Stoneman and Janet Down.

Will doubled up aboard the impressive Sarah Gould-trained debutant Petite Power in the 3m Maiden. "Charles (Horton) gave me a budget to buy three horses in August and this is the first to run," revealed Sarah. "He got into a good rhythm but could have gone a lot faster," added Will, clearly impressed by the six-year-old.

"I get the credit for six minutes work, but good for Sarah as this is the culmination of six months hard work educating and training the horse."

Trainer Robert Chanin described Chris Tory's Bishop's Court as "our best maidens for a long time" after the five-year-old's comfortable win in the first 2m-4f maiden.

"And the good news is that I've got two half-brothers at home," added Chris. A career under National Hunt rules with Limpley Stoke trainer Neil Mulholland could be on the cards.

Lansdowne Road made the perfect start in the second 2m-4f Maiden, although Josh Newman's mount was still in third place when Oldediетherebel ran out at the last, carrying out closest pursuer Moontripper.

Cullompton farrier Jack Veysey, 26, opened his account at the second attempt aboard his Ascot purchase The Dapper Fox in the Restricted.

Harpsy Cord went into many notebooks with an all-the-way success in the veterans event.

"We got him from Henry de Bromhead in the summer and learned a lot when he was runner-up at Chaddesley Corbett at Christmas," said jockey John Mathias.

"He's got a high cruising speed and while his next run will be in a point-to-point, don't be surprised to see him contesting a Hunter Chase."

school sports tag rugby

Great support for Holyrood Tag Rugby competition

HOLYROOD Academy's feeder Primary Schools participated in a superb U11 Tag Rugby Tournament on Tuesday, February 24th.

The competition was hosted at Holyrood in conjunction with Chard Rugby Club, and was officiated by Holyrood students alongside CRC coaches.

Teams from Avishayes, Buckland St Mary, Chard, Combe St Nicholas, Hawkchurch, Manor Court, Neroche, Redstart and Winsham contested at this event meaning that over 100 local primary children were involved in total – making for a great spectacle which was supported by a large crowd of friends and family members.

Neroche came out on top in this Year 5-6 competition, with Buckland St Mary finishing as runners up.

The pair will now go forward to represent the Holyrood cluster in the South Somerset Finals on March 17th at Castle Cary Rugby Club.

School sports co-ordinator, Jason Hedaux said: "We would like to thank Chard Rugby Club for their enthusiasm and hospitality.

"We welcome the community links made between schools and community clubs. These links greatly help schools to deliver the competitive nature of sport for our children."

◆ **WINNERS:** Members of the victorious team from Neroche School, Ilminster.

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